1	2	3	4	5
March, 2009	20645	20045	20740	21095
April, 2009	22432	21142	22421	22679
May, 2009	23057	21809	23609	23117
June, 2009	22861	21796	23170	22987

One candy=355.62 kilograms.

Source: Ministry of Textiles.

Production of rice

2285. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of Rabi rice was less during 2008-09 compared to 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken/propose to take steps for higher production of Rabi rice during the current season; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the 4th advance estimates, the production of Rabi rice at all India level during 2008-09 is estimated at 14.57 million tones which is 0.54 million tones higher than the production of 14.03 million tones during Rabi 2007-08.

(c) and (d) In order to increase the production of rice in the country, the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is being implemented since 2007-08. The NFSM-Rice is being implemented in 136 districts of 14 States with an objective to increase the production of rice by 10 million tones by the terminal year of the Eleventh Plan, *i.e.*, by 2011-12. Besides NFSM, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice), subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture is also under implementation.

Survey on agricultural land productivity

2286. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey on agricultural lands in the country keeping in view their fluctuating index of farm productivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas of land where the percentage of productivity has registered an increase or decrease;

(d) the reasons for decrease in productivity;

(e) whether Government has taken corrective measures to check the decline in productivity of farm lands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, State Governments conduct crop cutting experiments to estimate productivity of crops grown in different States. The index of productivity of various crops for the years 2003-04 to 2008-09, with the Triennium Ending 1981-82 = 100 as the base is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) The productivity of different crops depends on the soil fertility, use of fertilizers, fainfall pattern, weather conditions, quality/variety of seeds etc. As such, fluctuating trends in the productivity have been observed in the crops grown in the different areas/States depending upon the existence of the above factors.

(e) and (f) Government have taken several steps to increase production and productivity of crops in the country and programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro-Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) etc. are under implementation.

Statement

All India index numbers of yield of principal crops

(T.E.1981-82 = 100)

Crop	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rice	167.5	159.9	169.4	171.7	177.4	175.5
Wheat	171.0	164.0	165.1	170.7	176.7	176.9
Jowar		114.5	126.5	121.3	146.7	135.3
Bajra	262.1	197.3	184.2	203.5	239.2	233.0
Maize	185.0	172.9	175.8	173.4	211.7	208.7
Ragi	113.0	150.0	147.0	117.4	148.6	138.5
Barley	177.0	175.5	173.7	184.2	177.9	192.6
Small millets	119.8	109.8	112.1	120.1	134.1	125.4
Coarse Cereals	169.5	156.9	169.7	171.2	207.2	203.7
TOTAL CEREALS	168.9	160.7	183.4	187.7	199.8	198.8

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tur	96.7	96.2	110.3	93.7	119.1	100.3
Gram	140.8	141.4	140.3	146.7	132.3	134.3
Other pulses	165.7	132.6	132.8	143.0	150.2	149.8
TOTAL PULSES	140.5	127.0	133.5	136.5	139.3	137.5
Foodgrains	165.3	156.5	176.7	180.4	191.1	190.7
Groundnut	161.2	121.2	141.0	102.9	173.4	138.9
Sesamum	247.4	196.6	200.1	195.2	226.2	202.7
Rapeseed and mustard	228.5	204.6	220.3	216.0	197.4	227.8
Linseed	179.1	164.3	171.5	167.1	151.7	157.6
Castorseed	224.0	215.4	231.2	244.7	270.0	257.9
Safflower	78.8	100.0	133.3	135.5	149.0	114.6
Nigerseed	109.3	113.1	112.9	111.7	116.4	126.5
Sunflower	83.5	98.7	110.6	101.9	137.6	111.7
Soyabean	175.0	133.3	157.5	155.9	181.2	156.5
Nine Oilseeds	176.1	149.2	168.9	152.4	185.4	168.9
Coconut	120.8	127.2	146.0	156.9	148.6	148.6
Cottonseed	191.2	197.8	225.5	261.8	290.9	289.5
TOTAL OILSEEDS	166.3	147.5	183.7	170.8	188.3	177.7
Cotton(lint)	192.4	199.0	226.9	263.5	292.7	261.8
Jute	162.0	163.0	176.1	174.6	168.4	161.6
Mesta	125.7	128.1	131.3	139.9	141.0	135.9
Sugarcane	107.4	117.1	121.0	124.8	124.6	119.2

2008-09 figures are based on 3rd advance estimates as on 08-05-2009.

Distressed farm sector in Idukki, Kerala

2287. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Commission appointed by Centre to study the distressed farm sector in Idukki district of Kerala has submitted its report to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made; and